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Application of: Ebner et al.

Attorney Docket No.: PT049P1

Application No.: 09/941,831

Art Unit: 1635

Filed: August 30, 2001

Examiner: Whiteman, B.

Title: Serine/Threonine Phosphatase Polynucleotides, Polypeptides, and Antibodies

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

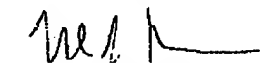
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to and including November 17, 2003 (November 16, 2003 being a Sunday; *see* 35 U.S.C. § 21) to respond to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2003.

Please charge the appropriate fee to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425, as noted on the enclosed Fee Transmittal Sheet. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to our Deposit Account. In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 17, 2003

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